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Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on December 23, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to applicant's argument that Kaltenbach lacks a container with a collapsible sidewall and a base that can stand unsupported in an upright position: Kaltenbach meets this limitation since it discloses a container 30, having a collapsible sidewall 20 and a base on which said container 30 can stand unsupported, as shown in Fig. 2.

In response to applicant's arguments regarding the Williams reference: Williams teaches a collapsible filter in order to easily remove and install a filter bag and it would have been obvious to combine the references for this reason.

In response to applicant's argument that claim 6 requires that the cage surrounds the filter tubular body: Williams teaches a cage 40 surrounding the interior of the body of filter 24, as shown in Fig. 4.

In response to applicant's argument regarding claim 18: Kaltenbach meets the limitations of claim 18, as stated in the Office Action.

With respect to claim 11: The new limitations added to claim 11, i.e., "The combination of a spray gun and a liquid supply assembly" and "the container being connected to the spray gun" are considered to be new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MADELINE GONZALEZ whose telephone number is (571)272-5502. The examiner can normally be reached on M, T, Th, F- 8:30am-5:00pm, alternate Fridays off.

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